

# Big Crowd Here Thursday For Legion Rally; Kinston Girl Wins Beauty Contest

The annual County-Wide Convention of Legionnaires and Ex-Servicemen of Coffee County was held at the Elba Amusement Park last Thursday, April 27. A gathering of over one thousand people were present.

The program was opened Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with a band concert by the Laverne Legion Band. The band then went to Enterprise for a short concert, returning to Elba for the balance of the program.

The convention was held under the auspices of Culver Post No. 42, Elba, and Cook-Clements Post No. 73, Enterprise, in the interest of a membership campaign.

Ex-Gov. Bibb Graves, a member of the American Legion, Montgomery, delivered the principal address. He was presented by Commander H. H. Talbot of the local Post. High tribute was paid to his honorable record as a citizen, soldier and statesman. Commander Talbot said: "Michel Angelo, the famous Italian artist, always painted a light upon his forehead. When asked why he did this the artist replied, 'I do not want the shadow of myself to appear on any of my work.' Contraries and friends, we have with us tonight a man whose shadow of himself has been an unselfish service for humanity, state and nation."

Governor Graves delivered a most interesting address along the lines of education and organization, especially stressing the reasons why ex-servicemen should organize under the banners of the American Legion.

Before a delicious lunch of barbecue was served to the attendees, a beauty contest was held. Judge W. M. Branson, member of the local Post, was master of ceremonies. A ticket was furnished with each plate of "meat," entitling the attendant to vote on his choice of six beauties who were entered by the Legionnaires of the county. The entrants were Misses Juanita Hare, Kinston, Mary Nell Dawkins, Sibley, and Neil Griffiths of Elba, and Elizabeth Hutson of Culver Post No. 42, Enterprise.

The three girls receiving the highest number of votes were then presented to four competent judges, all non-residents of this county. Miss Juanita Hare of Kinston was chosen from the three as the most beautiful. Governor Graves conferred upon her the title of "Miss Legion, Coffee County for 1935."

Miss Hare is stating that of beauty is a job for ever; isn't it a pity beauty is only skin deep? Miss Hare will represent Coffee County at the State Convention at Tusculum in July. It was stated by beauty experts that she has a good chance to be elected Miss Legion of Alabama, provided the gods of matriculation are not influenced by some modern Cereus.

After the lunch hour, Comrade Jesse T. Conley of the Enterprise Post, presented Mrs. J. S. Hough of Bessemer, who is state president of the Legion Auxiliary. Mrs. Hough organized a unit of the local "Legionnaires." Mrs. James English was elected president. It is hoped the auxiliary will increase in membership. All wives, mothers, and sisters of honorably discharged soldiers of the World War are eligible for membership. The Culver Post has offered to share their "dug-out" with the Auxiliary in the Coston building on Court Square.

Vice-Commander Monroe Holly of the Fourth Legion District, was present and delivered a most interesting address, supplementing Governor Graves' appeal to ex-servicemen to organize with the American Legion.

Among the other visitors present were Colonel W. A. Gayle of Montgomery, Commander Solomon of the Laverne Post, and officials of the Enterprise Post.

Although the weather was too cool for swimming, a most enjoyable day was experienced by all.

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## 63 Killed, 1,000 Injured As Winds Wreck A Wide Area

Tornado disturbances in four Mississippi Valley states claimed at least 63 lives during the last three days, leaving hundreds injured in their wake and property damage probably in excess of \$2,000,000.

The latest assault occurred late Monday near the Arkansas-Louisiana border, centering on the important Webster Parish east of Minden, La.

Several hundred were critically hurt. Five persons died Monday in an area, eight lives were snuffed out at Lake Village, Ark., and Green and Yazoo City, Miss., where high winds swept these sections with large property damage.

It was Minden that bore the brunt of the Louisiana storm. Early Monday the estimate of the dead was 35, and rescue workers were working through the night among the ruins feared the total night to be higher.

Magnolia, Ark., reported six persons dead. Arelia, La., at least 25, and Camp, Ark., near the Missouri line, at least one death.

Yazoo City, Miss., victim of a devastating wind which took three lives, injured a score, and caused damage estimated at \$500,000.

Tuesday settled down on the task of rehabilitating the stricken area, and other feat of which any further work for nearly 1,000 persons affected by the storm.

The death toll was definitely fixed at three late Monday with the finding of the body of Otto McConnell, a negro. More than 200 persons were being fed at the field kitchens established by the Red Cross and scores were housed in army tents from the National Guard Army at Jackson.

The storm at Minden broke about 4 p.m. Monday. Witnesses said it struck the city in a funnel-shaped cloud that roared like a freight train, enveloping the community in darkness. Buildings shook and quivered and loose objects whirled through the streets with the speed of bullets. Houses were leveled and uninhabited.

The negro quarters were laid out and fire broke out. Winds damped the business section and rained up communication and power lines. Parts of the residential section were leveled. An automobile was blown through a store window near the courthouse.

Following is the score by injuries: Elba, 100; 010 000 100-7. Batteries: Elba: Paschal and C. English. Enterprises: Cox and Miller. Uprides, Lard.

It took a full ten innings Tuesday afternoon in probably the hardest fought game ever witnessed on Elba grounds for the champions. New Brockton club broke a 1-1 tie with the locals. The final score was 5-1, but it doesn't tell half the story of the brilliant battle which raged for the better part of two hours.

The pitching duel between Paschal of the locals and Veal of New Brockton was a thriller all the way. The game ended with the victors were able to bounce a few timely hits and until the stroke which had secured the first two innings of the game.

In addition to the beautiful pitching exhibition of the twisters, the offensive work of both clubs was a rare treat to the large number of fans present. Errors were made by the locals, but they seemed to be grating his teeth and exclaiming to himself, "They shall not pass." Needless to say, they didn't—until that fatal tenth inning.

On several occasions the locals had opportunities to bag the game, especially the time when Paschal got a hefty hit to left field, by Seymour on second.

The runner lost no time in covering the distance between the two bases that separated him from home plate, and he seemed all but certain to score, but a beautiful throw by Brockton's left fielder to the catcher cut him off from the coveted goal by inches.

The visitors' chances to score were slim until the tenth inning, when they cut loose with a barrage of runs—four in all. Up until this time Paschal and his mates had held them weak as lambs.

Alvie D. Maddox made the home boys' only tally in the initial inning, by a neat slide into home. It was in the second frame when the visitors accounted for their marksmen which knotted the score for the remainder of the nine innings.

The accurate throwing of Charles English cut off many threatening runs, while the leading ball of his team-mates nipped many other would-be rallies in the bud.

Those who witnessed the game declared it to be one of the best, ever witnessed here. The splendid showing of the locals in the face of many odds gained them a strong following, and they are expected to well represent Friday when they meet Troy State Teachers College in Troy.

Score by inning: Brockton, 100 000 000 4-5. Elba, 100 000 000 0-1. Batteries: Veal and Williams; Paschal and C. English.

Uprides: Dixon and Stephens. Time: 2:45.

Miss Lullie Harper has returned to Dothan.

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## County Papers Will Give \$10 Prize For Best Garden

The four community gardens in Coffee County, established in 1929, incorporated towns, will be given an opportunity to vie among themselves for a prize of ten dollars, offered by the two county papers, The Enterprise-Leijer and The Elba Clipper.

These gardens are community projects financed by the respective communities as to land, fertilizer and stock, while Reconstruction Finance Corporation furnishes seed, and pays the worker.

The local Welfare Committees of the different towns are taking oversight of these gardens, since they realize that the more food products raised the more the county will have to can and dry to feed the hungry next winter.

These same farmers planted 14, 770 acres of corn last year, and produced a total of 109,900 bushels, or an average of 7.4 bushels per acre, or 157 bushels per acre.

The average number of acres of corn to the farm was 21.1. The average production per acre was 122 bushels per acre.

The farmer who sows winter peas on any of his land can just about know he will get 20 bushels of corn and still refuse to do it.

The above figures are proof enough of it. If the farmers of Coffee County survive they have to give their land a "New Deal."

You thought it was awful to sell peanuts for \$20.00 per ton, but that was not so bad if you had not been "throwing in the towel" with it.

This is the month to plant soy beans for hay and plant Texas Seedling Ribbon cane forilage. You are going to need a lot of seed, as the above figures prove that you won't make enough corn to feed your livestock next year, unless you make a whole lot better yield than was made last year, and this won't happen because the land did not gain any fertility all last winter lying out there in all the winter rains as clean as the door.

Swallowing up what little good soil that it might have had. Remember that livestock is a liability instead of an asset unless you raise an abundance of feed. Now is the time to see to it that you have plenty for next year.

W. M. RAY, County Agent.

## Presiding Elder To Be At M. E. Church Sunday Night

Rev. J. F. McLeod, presiding elder of the Troy District, will fill the pulpit at the Elba Methodist Church next Sunday evening, May 7th.

The services will begin at 8:00 o'clock. The order is one of the leading ministers in this part of the State and his messages are especially interesting.

The public is invited to hear him Sunday evening.

There were originally about 65 cases growing out of loans to citizens for the purchase of seed, food and fertilizer in 1929. A number of defendants have entered pleas of guilty and been sentenced 40 while about 30 or 40 others, most of which involve one or more defendants who had already pleaded guilty, were nolle prossed some time ago.

## LEAGUE UNION TO MEET AT COFFEE SPRINGS FRIDAY

The Coffee County League Union will meet at Coffee Springs Friday, May 5th, at 11 a.m.

All members of the local chapters are requested to meet at the Methodist Church promptly at 6:30 p.m. prior to get to Coffee Springs by 8 o'clock. Everyone is urged to attend.

## BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School—Sunday morning 9:45. W. T. Whitman, Supt. Preaching—11 a.m. by the pastor, Rev. B. S. Franklin.

Evening worship—7:45 p.m. A cordial welcome is extended to all to worship with us.

Who is Grandma? A character that we cannot afford to miss.

## County Agent Announces Seed Loan Applications

In examining 700 applications for Government Seed Loans I find that the 700 farmers planted 13, 300 acres of cotton last year and produced 3,300 bales, or an average of one bale to 3.9 acres. These seven hundred applicants averaged producing five bales of cotton each.

Figuring this cotton sold for 9 cents or \$30.00 per bale, which it did not, they would have averaged \$100.00 each, from the proceeds of last year's cotton crop. This same basis of figuring means that they sold \$7.70 worth of cotton per acre. It would appear that it is going to require something more than we can even hope for in the way of increase in cotton prices for Coffee County farmers to get rich growing cotton.

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## Training School In Canning Held In Elba Last Week

Sixty-six women, representing 33 communities in Coffee County, the P. C. club and field workers met in Elba last Wednesday for training in the P. C. Canning school.

This school was composed of Home Demonstration Club women, cooperating with the P. C. Canners and County Welfare Board in preparation for an intensive summer canning campaign.

Miss Margaret Garrett, canning specialist of the Extension Service, Auburn, assisted Miss Alvie Hughes in instructing the women in the use of the pressure cooker and tin can opener, as both glass and tin containers will be used. Requisite instructions for the establishment of canning bases, of which there will be twenty-five or thirty in the county, were also given.

Many of the vegetables for canning will be supplied from the community gardens which are being cultivated in Enterprise, Elba, New Brockton and Kinston. Others will be grown in rural gardens.

The food will be stored for welfare work next winter.

## Dorsey Brothers Offering Pen And Pencil Sets Free

Dorsey Brothers are offering their customers free pen and pencil sets, according to window display and other advertising being distributed. These sets carry a lifetime guarantee and are obtainable in many different designs. Call on them for full details of the offering being made.

## JACKSON-COTNEY

Cordial interest is centered in the wedding of Miss Gladys Jackson of our city to Mr. Delma Cotney of Montezuma, Ga., which was quietly solemnized Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. S. Franklin, pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

The bride was attractively attired in a gray crepe frock, with accessories in harmonizing tones. Immediately following the ceremony the young couple left on a short wedding trip to relatives in Georgia, after which they will make their home in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Mrs. Cotney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson of Elba. She is endowed with a pleasing personality, and her many friends regret that she will make her home elsewhere.

Mr. Cotney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotney of Montezuma, Ga., and is a young man of sterling character. He has been in the U. S. Army for the past five years.

Their friends wish them much happiness.

Mrs. W. M. Lanier of Hartford was a visitor to Elba last week. She was accompanied home by her sisters, Mrs. W. H. Bishop and Mrs. J. C. McLeod, who were her week-end guests.

## "Going Off Gold Standard" Means Enlarged Markets And Higher Products Prices

By FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE  
Written Specially for The Clipper

The United States of America has "gone off the gold standard." That sounds shocking to people who fear all change, and it takes some mental adjusting on the part of the rest of us who have not yet become accustomed to the rapidity with which everything is changing today.

What does it mean, this going off gold? What is the purpose? What will the effect be? What has it to do with this talk about inflation? Who will it benefit and who will it hurt? These are the questions on the tip of everybody's tongue.

The United States went off the gold standard on March 4, when President Roosevelt declared an embargo on shipments of gold abroad and called all gold held by the Federal Reserve Banks. Since then we have shipped no gold abroad except on contracts already entered into. Since then nobody holding a gold certificate has been able to cash it for payment in gold had been able to get gold for it. We still have the gold, nearly half of all the gold there is in the world, more than four thousand million dollars worth in our Treasury and banks, but we have stopped using it.

The purpose of our action is, as President Roosevelt stated, to bring about higher prices. The first means of inflation, thus increasing our foreign trade, for the principal use of gold as money is in settling trade balances between nations. It is the one commodity which every nation in the world needs, if it seems to be warranted, to reduce the amount of gold in the gold dollar by as much as one half. That would not be the first time we have done just that in our national history, rather the fourth or fifth time.

We still have nearly half of all the world's gold behind our money, whatever price we put on the dollar.

Immediately we went off gold, commodity prices in international trade began to rise in terms of dollars. For as soon as any nation pays money, even when the redeemable in gold, people who have that money begin to look for ways to redeem it. They begin to buy those things, and their paper money buys less of them than it did before. In other words, they bid prices up.

It may seem to some that we in America are not concerned with what happens in foreign trade. But it is from our sales overseas that a very large part of the money comes, which pays for our farm products. More than half of all cotton grown in America must be sold abroad if the growers of the South are not to suffer. In Texas alone, it has been figured out that the entire state of the low price of cotton in the export trade has been over \$400 for every family in the state!

Almost half of the money which tobacco growers get for their crop comes from foreign sales. We normally sell abroad from a quarter to a third of all the product of our tobacco, about one-sixth of our wheat and about the same share of our apple crop, more than half of our turpentine, gasoline and benzol, over a third of our copper, and from a quarter to one-half of our factory products in many important lines.

It seems highly important, then, for these goods in the world market. But when foreign nations have let their money depreciate they cannot buy as much or pay as good a price, so long as we maintain our dollar on the gold basis. On the other hand, with their cheap money, they can produce at less cost than we can and sell their goods to us for our gold dollars cheaper than we can produce them when all our costs are measured in gold.

## How Producers Is Helped

So in going off gold we have cheapened our dollar to meet the other cheap moneys of the world, and already commodity prices have begun to rise. In other words, we have started on a program of inflation of the currency, which is merely another way of saying increasing prices.

The gold embargo is a very mild form of inflation. It is certain to be followed by other forms, directly applicable to our internal affairs. It makes no difference, really, what the value of the dollar is in foreign money except when we deal in foreign trade, because a dollar at a low value will pay a debt incurred in dollars when they were at high value. So the farmer or producer who gets more dollars for his commodity can pay his dollar debts with them, even though they are cheaper dollars.

Inflation will help the debtor class because it will take less wheat, cotton, shoes or what have you to get the necessary number of dollars with which to pay. It will hurt the large creditor class because, although they will get their interest and principal repayments in dollars, as before, those dollars will not buy as much wealth, not represent as much real wealth.

We have as beneficiaries of inflation the farmers who will get more dollars for their crops, the wage-earners, who will benefit by increased employment, (although wages do not tend to rise as fast as the cost of living) business men







